GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India accounts for 10% of total production of World Fruit, with an area of 3.80 million hectares under fruit cultivation;

(b) whether the Government are planning to relax ceiling laws so that cultivators acquire bigger plots for productive fruit cultivation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not evolving a practical policy for larger holdings required for fruit growing?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. With a production of 45.37 million tonnes (2000-01) India accounts for 9.7% production of fruits from an area of 3.89 million hectares.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. In the interest of the Small & Marginal Farmers there is no proposal to relax land ceiling laws for cultivation of fruits.